

Here is a simple guide to help your family pray together.



Pray for **FAMILY MEMBERS.**



Pray for your **NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.**



Pray for **OUR CHURCH.**



Pray for **OUR MISSIONARIES.**



Pray for **PEOPLE WE KNOW WHO DON'T KNOW JESUS.**



Pray for **OUR GOVERNMENT AND LEADERS.**



Pray for **OTHER CHRISTIANS AROUND THE WORLD**—especially those who are treated badly because they are followers of Jesus.

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**Church and Family Partnering Together**



**Today's Big Idea**

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Read about it: Matthew 26:36–28:10; John 18:1–20:18



**The Main Point**

Jesus died on the cross to save people from sin, and He is alive.



**What Did We Learn?**

- ▶ Judas brought a crowd to arrest Jesus as He was praying.
- ▶ The high priest claimed that Jesus deserved to die because he believed Jesus spoke against God.
- ▶ Jesus never sinned, but was crucified on a cross and was placed in a tomb.
- ▶ On the third day, God raised Jesus from the dead.

**TODAY'S CHRIST CONNECTION**

The crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. He was the blood sacrifice made once and for all for the forgiveness of sin. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice and raised Jesus from the dead to reign as King over all creation. We are forgiven only through Jesus. (Acts 4:12)



# LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

## PREPARING FOR SUNDAY

*Open your Bible to Luke 24:13–35 and read together as a family about when Jesus taught that all the Scriptures point to Him. Or read the children's version of the passage below.*

On the day that Jesus rose from the dead, two of Jesus' disciples were walking to a village called Emmaus. The two disciples were talking about everything that had happened. As they talked, Jesus came and began to walk with them, but the disciples did not recognize Him.

Jesus asked the disciples, "What are you talking about?"

One of the disciples answered, "Are you the only one in Jerusalem who hasn't heard what happened?"

They told Him, "Jesus of Nazareth was a Prophet. The religious leaders handed Jesus over to be sentenced to death, and they nailed Him to a cross.

"We had hoped He was the One who would set Israel free. Early this morning, some women went to the tomb and did not find Jesus' body. They saw angels, who said that Jesus is alive."

Jesus said, "Isn't this what had to happen to the Messiah?" Then, beginning with Moses and the Prophets, Jesus explained to them what all the Scriptures said about Him.

Jesus and the two disciples arrived at Emmaus, and they asked Jesus to stay with them. So Jesus joined them at the dinner table. He took the bread, thanked God for it, and broke it into pieces. Then He gave the pieces to the disciples. Right away, the men recognized Jesus! But Jesus immediately disappeared from their sight.

The disciples immediately left Emmaus and went back to Jerusalem. They found Jesus' eleven disciples and others who gathered with them. They told them what happened. "Jesus is alive!"

## DISCUSSION STARTERS

- ▶ Why is it important to know God's Word?
- ▶ Which Bible stories are your favorites?
- ▶ How do those stories point us to Jesus?

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

- ▶ Take time with your family to review different Bible stories they have learned in the past. Consider using the big picture cards like flash cards to quiz your kids.

## CHRIST CONNECTION

The whole Bible is about Jesus. When Adam and Eve sinned, God began working out His plan to send Jesus to rescue people from sin. All of the Old Testament points forward to Jesus' life, death, and resurrection—the time when Jesus would bring God's promised salvation for sinners.

## BIBLE READING THROUGH THE WEEK

Take time this week to read the Bible together as a family. Breakfast, dinner, or bedtime—you choose when and where.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Luke 24:13–18	Luke 24:19–24	Luke 24:25–27	Luke 24:28–31	Luke 24:32–35

As you read, ask these questions:

- ▶ What is God teaching us?
- ▶ What does this show us about who God is?
- ▶ What do we need to ask God's help for to change?
- ▶ How would you share this with a friend?

## UNIT MEMORY VERSE

What I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. —1 Corinthians 15:3–4